¶ This is the ordinaunce for the conseruation and keping of the Quenes Maiesties swannes and sygnettes, and of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of her Commons within the Counties of Lincolne, Northampton, Rutland, Huntyngton, and Cambridge, and the liberties & fraunchyse of the same: And for the conseruacion of fyshe and fowle, with the allising of all maner of nettes within the sayde Counties and liberties of the same.

FIRST it is ordeined and statuted, that euery person hauing any Swannes, shal begin yerely to marke or cause to be marked the same vpon the Munday next after Trinitie Sunday, & no person afore, but after as the company may, so that the Maister of the Quenes game of Swannes or his deputies be there present, and yf any person or persons take vpon hym or them in marking to the contrary, to forfeyte to the Quene. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that no person nor persons beyng Swanheards nor other, shal go on marking without the maister of the Quenes game of Swannes or his deputie bee present, with. vi. or. iiii. of the company of Swanheardes, vpon paine to forfeyte to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeined, that no person take vp no signet nor signets vnmarked, nor make no sale of the, but yf the Quenes Swanherde or his deputie with. iiii. other Swanherdes next adioynyng be present or haue knowledge of the same, vpon payne to forfeyt to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeined that the Swanherde of the duchy of Lancaster within the said counties, nor within the liberties and fraunches of the same, nor no other person for him nor by him, shal make no sale nor take vp no Swannes, nor marke them within the said duchy, without the Quenes Swanherde or his deputie be present, vpon payne to forfeyt to the Quenes grace. xl. s. And in like wise it is ordeyned that the Quenes Swanherde of the forsaid counties nor his deputie, shall not enter into the said duchy to take vp any Swannes or signets, nor them to marke without the Swanherde of the duchy be present, vpon paine to forfeyte to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeined, that if any Swannes or signets be found without the said duchy double marked or put out of right marke, that then it shalbe seased for the Quene, and to be delyuered to the maister of the Quenes game of Swannes or to hys deputie, and so to remayne to it be proued by. iiii. or. vi. sufficient Swanherdes, to whom the sayd Swanes or signets belong or appertaine, so that the knowledge of the same be had by the saide Swanherds after the said deliuery afore the sessions of Swannes than next to be kept within the countie, where as it shal hap the said Swans or signets to be seased and deliuered in fourme aforesaid. And yf so be the proprety of the same Swannes or signets can not be knowē by the said sessions, that then the Quene to be assured of the value of the same Swannes and signettes.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that yf any person or persons wylfully put anye Swannes from theyr nestes, wheresoeuer they breede, or els take vp & destroy or beare away the egges or egge of the saide Swannes, to forfait for euery default & presented in the sessions of Swannes to the Quenes grace. xiii. s. iiii. d.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that no man shal make sale of no whyte Swannes, nor make delyuery of them without the maister of the game or his deputie be present, with. iiii. or. vi. Swanheardes next adioyning vnder payne of. xl. s. wherof shalbe to the fynder. vi. s. viii. d. and the residue to the Quene.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that no person or persons hunt in fene tyme or in any haunt of Swannes with dogges, from the feast of Easter to the Sunday after Trinitie Sunday, vpon payne for euery tyme so doyng. vi. s. viii. d.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that yf any person set any snares or anye maner of inginnes to take Bittors or Swannes betwixt the feast of Easter and Lammas, he or they to forfeit for euery tyme so settyng any such ingins. vi. s. viii. d.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that no person nor persons shal lay no net nor nettes, nor dragge with net nor nets within the common stremes, waters nor marshes vpon the day tyme, from the feast of the Inuention of the holy crosse, vnto the feast of Lammas, vpon payne as often as they be found in fault and presented in the sessions of Swannes before the Quenes Justices. xx. s. to forfeit to the Quenes grace.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that euery Swanherde intending to kepe any Swannes or signettes, that they shal kepe thē in a pen or pit within. xx. foote of the cōmon streme, or els within. xx. foote of the Quenes high way, so that the Quenes subiectes passyng by may haue the syght of the sayde Swannes, vppon payne of. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that there shalbe no forfeyt of whyte Swannes nor grey Swannes nor signets but only to the Quenes grace, as well within the fraunches and liberties as without: and as often as any person seale and delyuer the sayde Swannes to any other person, but only to the maister of the game or to the Quenes vse, he to forfait to the Quenes grace. vi. s. viii. d.

¶ Itē it is ordeyned, that no maner of person nor persons shal lay nor set nettes named trameles, nor nettes called drayes, nor dray with no net frō the. xvi. day next before the feast of saint Marke the Euangelist, vnto the. xvi. day next ensuing the same feast. That is to wit, within the cōmon streames, waters, fennes and marshes in the countie of Lincolne, Northampton, Rutland, Huntyngton, and Cambrige, nor within the Ile of Ely, vpon payne of. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that no man shal take no gray Swannes nor white Swannes flying, but that he shall within. iiii. dayes next after the said taking, deliuer it or thē to the maister of the Quenes Swannes or to his deputie to the Quenes vse, and the taker to haue for his takyng. viii. d.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that nō maner of person of what estate, degree, or condicion he be, hauing any game of Swannes of his owne, shalbe no Swanheard nor keper of none other mens Swannes, vpon pain of. xl. s.

¶ Item it is ordeyned, that no Swanherde nor fisher, nor fowler, shall not vexe nor trouble another Swanhearde, fyther nor fowler, by way of action, or otherwyse, but onely afore the Quenes Justice of her sessions of Swannes, vpon payne of forfaytyng to the Quenes grace. xiii. s. iiii. d.

God saue the Quene.

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